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In re Application of
Lannert, et al.
Application No. 09/868,667
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Attorney Docket No.: 05222.00179

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed February 21, 2006, to revive the above-identified application. The petition was recently forwarded to the Office of Petitions for a decision on the merits. The Office sincerely apologizes for any inconvenience.

On September 20, 2005, the Office mailed a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, which set a three-month statutory period for reply. In the absence of a timely filed response, the application became abandoned on December 21, 2005. On February 2, 2006, the Office mailed a Notice of Abandonment.

Petitioner has met the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive this application. Petitioner submitted a reply in the form of payment of the issue fee, made the appropriate statement of unintentional delay, and paid the petition fee. Accordingly, the petition is granted. The Office notes that it mistakenly charged petitioner's Deposit Account twice for the issue fee and the petition fee. The total amount of \$2,900.00 will be refunded to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

This matter is being referred to the Office of Patent Publication.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3211. All other questions regarding the status of the application or the issuance of a patent should be directed to the Office of Patent Publication Customer Service at (571) 272-4200.

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